

## House Resolution No. 130

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ross Allen, treasured residents of Hermitage, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixty-sixth Wedding Anniversary with a festive celebration at their home in Carson's Corner; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on December 25, 1937, Leo Ross Allen and Alma Irene Breshears began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Albert Gaston in Gerster; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Allen provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as an educator for twenty years and as an education consultant for the Missouri Department of Conservation for twenty years, serving at Southwest Missouri State University, Drury College, and the School of the Ozarks; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Allen enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a teacher for many years at rural schools in Weaubleau and Louisburg, and Springfield Public Schools; and

**Whereas**, talented musicians who provided musical entertainment at care centers for the elderly following their retirement, Ross and Alma Allen attribute their sixty-six years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their daughter, Leola Irene Treat; and their three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren:

**Whereas**, devout members of Hermitage First Baptist Church who enjoy teaching, fishing, collecting knives, and listening to country and gospel music, Ross and Alma Allen have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Ross and Alma Allen upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-sixth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ross Allen, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 130, adopted January 21, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker